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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: BBC BROADCAST FROM RWANDA

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1. I SPOKE TO FONOFF DIRGEN MUDENGA LAST EVENING ABOUT HMG REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO RELAY BROADCASTS INTO RHODESIA. HE SAID HE STILL HAD NO FINAL WORD, BUT ADDED (STRONGER THAN BEFORE) THAT WE SHOULD BE "PESSIMISTIC." HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD PRESIDENCY HAD ALREADY TAKEN NEGATIVE POSITION PRIOR TO OUR INTERVENTION, BASED ON REASONS CITED REFTTEL, AND THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY TO ALTER THAT POSITION NOW.

2. TO SHOW RWANDA'S AWKWARD POSITION, MUDENGE SAID GOR WAS REGULARLY CRITICIZED BY OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR ALLOWING DEUTSCHE WELLE TO BROADCAST FROM ITS TERRITORY. HE SAID EACH TIME DEUTSCHE WELLE CARRIES
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REPORT ON EVENTS IN UGANDA, FOR EXAMPLE, RWANDAN AMBASSADOR IN KAMPALA IS CALLED IN AND GIVEN A DRESSING DOWN. ONCE AGAIN MUDENGE STRESSED THAT TO ALLOW BBC TO AIM BROADCASTS AT RHODESIA WOULD AMOUNT TO CASTING ITS LOT IN FAVOR OF NEGOTIATION WITH SMITH REGIME AND AGAINST NATIONALISTS "WAR OF LIBERATION."

3. I TOLD MUDENGE THAT I THOUGHT HIS WORRIES WERE UNFOUNDED, THAT BBC BROADCASTS WOULD NOT BE TENDENTIOUS OR BLATANTLY PROPAGANDISTIC, AND THAT THEY WOULD SERVE ESPECIALLY THE NEED TO BRING TRUTHFUL REPORTS TO WHITE LISTENERS IN RHODESIA (I HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN HIM EXCELLENT ARTICLE DEALING WITH RHODESIA'S INFORMATION GAP FROM MAY ATLANTIC MONTHLY). I ALSO SAID THAT, AT SOME POINT, RWANDA HAD TO DECIDE WHETHER IT WAS TRULY IN FAVOR OF PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO SUCH PROBLEMS, AS IT OFTEN PROCLAIMED, OR IN FACT FAVORED VIOLENCE. MUDENGE SEEMED LITTLE MOVED BY MY ARGUMENTS.

4. ALSO CONTACTED BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL TO SEE WHETHER HE HAD ANY REACTION FROM HIS SIDE. NEGATIVE. NOR DOES FRG AMBASSADOR YET HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT DEMARCHE.

5. DRAFTER: AMB.
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